(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that the extract of the plant—"Hypericum perfortums" the purified polycyclic compound hypercin have shown promising results in the treatment of HIV. Clinical studies are also in progress in HIV positive patients. However, most of these studies are being carried out outside India.

A number of medicinal plants and drugs have been described in ancient Ayurveda/Siddha literature for the treatment of diseases having symptoms akin to cancer. Scientific organisations under Department of AYUSH and other organisations e.g. ICMR, DBT and DST through their intermural and extramural research programmes have taken up research for establishing efficacy and safety of herbal drugs in different diseases including cancer.

(d) and (e) The Department of AYUSH is already implementing Golden Triangle Project and Extra Mural Research Project for drug standardization and drug development. Government is also implementing a scheme namely Development of AYUSH Institutions, which has a component on Reorientation Training Programme for providing training in Ayurveda and other ISM & H Systems of Medicine.

**Inquiry report against Cardiologist**

1887. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Head of Department of Cardiology, AIIMS has submitted his report into the 'Stent' episode of the Safdarjung Hospital and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in submitting the report by HoD Cardiology, AIIMS and the time by when the same would be submitted; and

(c) the status of four inquiries pending for long against the Cardiologist of Safdarjung Hospital and the reasons for delay in completing the inquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Head of Department of Cardiology in AIIMS has submitted his report on 4th November, 2006, in the matter relating to the complaint of Smt. Beena Maurya alleging negligence in the treatment of Shri R.K. Maurya. The enquiry has concluded that no case of medical negligence or malpractice can be made out against the treating Cardiologist.

(c) In three of the four complaints enquiries have been completed and nothing adverse against the treating Cardiologist has come out. In the fourth complaint, comments of the treating Cardiologist are awaited.

**Health spending**

1888. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to raise public spending on health from 0.9 per cent to 2.3 per cent of GDP;

(b) if so, whether Government also aims to undertake necessary correction of the health system to utilize the increased allocation as promised under Common Minimum Programme;

(c) if so, what are the concrete steps that are being considered in this regard; and

(d) what is the total allocation demanded by his Ministry for the remaining period and also for the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Under the National Common Minimum Programme the Government has indicated that public spending on health will be enhanced from 0.9% to at least 2-3% of GDP over the next five years with focus on primary health care. Several initiatives have been undertaken by the Government in this regard.

The National Rural Health Mission was launched in April 2005 to architecturally correct the healthcare delivery system so as to make the